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April 6, 1999

Robert Steele
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Re: Mining and Reclamation Plan Review, Robert Steele and Anthony Peck (operators) Nephi Gypsum Quarry, M/023/011, Juab County, Utah

Dear Mr. Steele:

On February 11, 1999, we received your updated mining and reclamation plan which was provided in response to our requests for updated information. We are concerned that the information provided in your response falls short of our expectations. During recent telephone conversations between you and Tom Munson of my staff, we expressed our willingness to sit down with you and show you some examples of reclamation plans and surety estimates that the Division has found acceptable. Mr. Munson also requested that you use the latest updated disturbed area map (received from Nephi Sandstone on February 2, 1998), in order to be consistent with the most current information on file. You indicated you were willing to do this, however, your response used a different map which lacked specific detail and its scale was unacceptable.

Your recent map identified an area above the quarry high wall as being reclaimed. No information was included describing why, when or how this area was reclaimed. If this area has been regraded and seeded, then this reclamation information needs to be documented and made part of the mining and reclamation plan. When the operator believes the vegetation has reached the 70% premining revegetation success criteria, a formal Division inspection should be requested. We will then assess the reclamation work and determine if it meets the regulatory requirements for release.

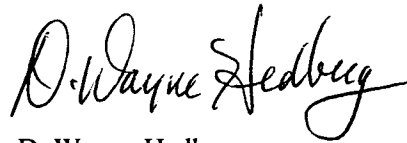
As stated before, we are concerned that we have apparently failed to clearly communicate our needs and requirements to you. Therefore, we are requesting that you please arrange your schedule to come in and meet with us to resolve the outstanding reclamation issues. We propose an afternoon meeting in our offices on Wednesday, April 14, 1998 at 1:30 p.m. If you cannot meet this time frame, please call so we can set another time that is agreeable to both parties. It is our desire to conduct this meeting during the month of April.

By letter dated December 3, 1998, we sent you updated permit transfer and reclamation contract forms. We requested that you please complete these forms *in draft* and return them for our review. To date, these forms have not been received. Please bring the draft completed forms to the meeting on April 14, 1999.

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Please call me at 538-5286, or Tom Munson at 538-5321, as soon as possible, to confirm your attendance at this meeting. Thank you for your cooperation in this regard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Wayne Hedberg". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor
Minerals Reclamation Program

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cc: Mary Ann Wright, DOGM
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